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TO PETER RODMAN FOR DR. KISSINGER

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NEWS SUMMARY

OCTOBER 20, 1973

(NETS, WIRES, DIGEST)

THE MAJOR STORIES OF THE DAY:

-- RN ANNOUNCED AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED W/COMM. THAT EDITED INFO FROM TAPES WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COMM, AND SIRICA AND THAT SUPREME COURT RULING WOULDN'T BE PURSUED. BOTH BAKER AND ERVIN REPORTEDLY AGREED TO THE ARRANGEMENT. COX WAS SAID TO HAVE REJECTED IT BUT TO HAVE BEEN OVERRULED BY RN. SUMMARY WOULD BE VERIFIED BY STENNIS. UPI SAYS IT WASN'T CLEAR WHETHER RN'S MOVE WOULD SATISFY SIRICA OR THE COURT OF APPEALS.

-- CHANCELLOR SAID BATTLE ALONG SUEZ HAD TAKEN "DRAMATIC AND IMPORTANT TURN" W/EXPANSION OF ISRAELI BRIDGEHEAD TO INCLUDE 20,000 TROOPS AND 200 TANKS.

ON EXCLUSIVE NBC FILM DAYAN SAID EGPT NO LONGER CAN TAKE ISRAELI INCURSION AS A JOKE. AS FOR ACCEPTING C-F WHILE EGYPTIANS REMAIN ON EAST BANK, DAYAN ABSOLUTELY REJECTED THAT IDEA AS HE DID CONCEPT OF SUPERPOWERS HAVING THE ABILITY TO "COMPEL" END TO THE FIGHTING. THAT'D SERVE "NO CONSTRUCTIVE PURPOSE."

-- CBS LED W/RN PROPOSAL TO MAKE OUTRIGHT GRANT OF \$2.2B IN WEAPONS AND MACHINERY BECAUSE ISRAELIS RUNNING OUT OF BOTH MONEY AND CREDIT. ALSO NOTED IN CBS LEAD WAS PRESENCE OF US TECHNICIANS AND LOGISTICS SPECIALISTS HELPING ISRAELIS. SCHLESINGER ON FILM SAID THERE WAS "NO CHANCE" OF MEN BECOMING INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING AND HE CAN'T SEE CIRCUMSTANCES BY WHICH US COULD BE INVOLVED VN-STYLE. HE DID NOTE (AS DID ABC) THAT SOME AF

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RESERVISTS WERE INVOLVED IN AIRLIFT BECAUSE THAT IS 1 SOURCE
 MILITARY CAN DRAW ON FOR SUCH SUPPORT. BROKAW NOTED RN'S
 GRANT PROPOSAL FACES HARD LOOK FROM HILL. (MESSAGE ALSO ASKS
 FOR 200M FOR CAMBODIA, A PROPOSAL BROKAW THOUGHT WOULD BE
 "EVEN LESS POPULAR" ON HILL.) KOSYGIN LEFT CAIRO AFTER 4 DAYS OF
 TALKS W/NO REPORT OF ANY PROGRESS TOWARD SETTLEMENT. NBC NOTED
 ERANIS LEFT UN FOR ISRAEL FOR CONSULTATIONS. AND NBC NOTED WH
 LINE CONTINUES TO BE THAT DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS ARE ONGOING.

MIDEAST

US-USSR/DIPLOMACY

RN'S "HOPEFUL THERE'LL BE PROGRESS SOON" IN HALTING FIGHTING,
 WH SAID, ABC/NBC NOTED RN SAID (IN HIS \$2.2B EMERGENCY AID
 REQUEST FOR ISRAEL) THAT "US IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO BRING CONFLICT
 TO VERY SWIFT AND HONORABLE CONCLUSION, MEASURED IN DAYS NOT WEEKS,
 BUT PRUDENT PLANNING ALSO REQUIRES US TO PREPARE FOR A LONGER STRUGGLE."

ABC/NBC NOTED WARREN REFUSED TO DETAIL WHAT HE DESCRIBED FOR
 2ND CONSECUTIVE DAY AS "DELICATE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY" W/USSR AND OTHER
 UNNAMED PARTIES. ADMIN SOURCES SAID RN WAS PRIVATELY ASSURING CLOSE
 ASSOCIATES THAT HE EXPECTS M-E FIGHTING TO BE RESOLVED RELATIVELY

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QUICKLY, AP NOTED, PAUL PINOLEY (R-ILL) SAID RN TOLD HIM NOT TO WORRY
 OVER THE SITUATION AS IT'LL SOON BE UNDER CONTROL.

ADMIN SOURCES SAID RN HAD BEEN INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF KOSYGIN'S
 TRIP TO CAIRO. . . . ABC NOTED MCCLOSKEY SAID "WE'VE BEEN IN CONTINUOUS
 COMMUNICATION" AND TALKS HADN'T BEEN "TREADING WATER" WHILE KOSYGIN
 WAS IN CAIRO. . . . MCCLOSKEY WOULDN'T SAY WHETHER HE BELIEVED US-USSR
 COOPERATION IN ENDING FIGHTING -- IF SUCCESSFUL -- WOULD EXTEND TO
 MAINTAINING THE PEACE. MCCLOSKEY "WOULD EXPECT OUR COMMUNICATIONS
 TO INTENSIFY IN LIGHT OF HIS DELIBERATION W/EGYPTIAN GOVT" NOTED ABC
 WHICH ALSO REPORTED KOSYGIN'S TRIP WAS WIDELY REGARDED AT UN AS
 PEACE MISSION WHOSE RESULTS WILL COME TO LIGHT SOON IN UN MEETING.
 MEETING COULD COME EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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WHILE HAK FINDS KOSYGIN'S TRIP "PROMISING, "HE DOESN'T EXPECT RESULTS TO BE CLEAR FOR SEVERAL DAYS. MEANWHILE, HAK IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO POSTPONE TIL MID-WEEK TRIP TO FAR EAST. PLANNED 1ST STOP OF JAPAN WILL PROBABLY BE SCRATCHED W/HAK FLYING DIRECTLY TO PRC AND STOPPING IN JAPAN ON RETURN TO DC.

ABC'S KAPLOW SAID US OFFICIALS ARE OBVIOUSLY EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN WHAT WAS SAID BETWEEN THE 2. HE SAID US EXPECTS TO GET INFO FROM KOSYGIN AND MAY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED IT. US HAS HOPED ALL ALONG RUSS WOULD URGE ARABS TO BE REASONABLE ABOUT A C-F. HE NOTES THAT NO ONE SAYS THEY'RE DOING THAT (SINCE THE ARMS SHIPMENTS CONTINUE), BUT BELIEF IS USSR DOESN'T WANT TO JEOPARDIZE IMPROVED RELATIONS W/US.

YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY NOTED REPORTS IN CAIRO OF 4 POINT SOVIET PLAN FOR M-E C-F. C-F WOULD BE ARRANGED W/US AND SOVIET ASSISTANCE AND ISRAEL WOULD BE GUARANTEED AND POLICED BY INTERNATIONAL FORCES, PREDOMINANTLY BY US, USSR, AND OTHERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL.

ISRAELI SOURCES IN DC SAID "NOBODY'S YET APPROACHED US W/A PLAN."

IT WAS, THE RUSS AMBASSADOR TO CAIRO TOLD SADAT, THE HAPPIEST DAY OF HIS LIFE, THE CLIMAX OF HIS DIPLOMATIC CAREER. AMBASSADOR VINOGRADOV WAS TALKING ABOUT THE OUTBREAK OF A NEW ME WAR W/SURPRISE ATTACKS BY EGYPT AND SYRIA ON ISRAEL. A SENIOR ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL LIKES TO QUOTE THIS REPORT FROM HEIKAL OF AL AHRAH TO UNDERLINE HOW CRUCIAL ISRAEL BELIEVES THE WAR IS TO USSR POLICY. THE ARAB AIM IS TO DESTROY ISRAEL BUT THE RUSS AIM IS FAR BROADER, ACCORDING TO ISRAELI ANALYSTS, THE DEFEAT OF ISRAEL WOULD DRIVE THE US FROM THE ME, CONTAIN IRAN AND TURKEY, GIVE THE USSR FLEET CONTROL OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AND USSR A GATE WAY TO THE PERSIAN GULF, THE INDIAN OCEAN AND AFRICA. "THE ME IS THE CROSSROADS OF THE WORLD," AN ISRAELI OFFICIAL SAID, "THE RUSS WERE BIDDING THEIR TIME, THEY HADN'T REALLY ACCEPTED A DETENTE IN THIS AREA. MAYBE THEY THOUGHT THE HOUR HAD STRUCK. IT'S ALL PART OF THE RUSS EXPANSIONIST POLICY."

TRIB'S ANDERSON SAYS "USSR INTELLIGENCE ONCE AGAIN HAS BEEN REMARKABLY ACTIVE AND ACCURATE IN 1ST ESTIMATE OF US REACTION TO MIDEAST WAR." W/IN HOURS AFTER US HAD DECIDED ON INCREASED RESUPPLY TO ISRAEL, EGYPT HAD BEEN FLASHED THE WORK AND IMMEDIATELY HALTED MAPOR MOVEMENT AND FURTHER PENETRATION INTO SINAI. ANDERSON BELIEVES USSR WAS "CORRECTLY READING THE EARLY INDECISION AND CONFUSION W/IN ADMIN"-- PARTIALLY A RESULT OF PREOCCUPATION W/STA REGISTRATION.

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O-4 PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF ARAB THREATS RE: OIL. IN ESSENCE, USSR SAW THAT US "BLINKED" AT START OF INVASION, MIDEAST CRISIS "SS" SEEMS TO HAVE CREATED A CERTAIN MISUNDERSTANDING AND CERTAIN DRIFT BETWEEN US AND EUR. ALLIES, FRANZ JOSEPH STRAUSS SAID, "I WON'T SAY WHAT EUROPE SHOULD'VE DONE, BUT IT WAS INEXCUSABLE THERE COULD BE NO CONCERT OF VIEWS AND ATTITUDES ON HANDLING THE SITUATION, EUROPE IS NOT YET ADVANCED ENOUGH, ..TO SPEAK IN 1 VOICE," HE ADDED,

AID

UPI NOTED RUS ABRUPT REQUEST FOR \$2.4B AID TO ISRAEL AND CAMBODIA RAN INTO UNEXPECTED RESISTANCE ON HILL JUST HOURS AFTER HE SENT IT, WHILE THERE SEEMED LITTLE QUESTION THE MONEY WOULD EVENTUALLY BE VOTED, MAHON AND ZABLOCKI SAID THEY WANTED TO TAKE A LONG, CAREFUL LOOK AT IT, SEN. SYMINGTON SAID HE'D SUPPORT REQUEST FOR ISRAEL, BUT QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR MORE MONEY TO CAMBODIA, MANSFIELD AND ALBERT DECLINED COMMENT, SCOTT AND GRIFFIN BOTH WERE OUT OF TOWN, JACKSON SAID, "THANK GOD, WE'VE GOT 1 ALLY THAT DOESN'T NEED US TROOPS OR INTERVENTION, ..ISRAELIS ARE 1 ALLY THAT CAN DO THE JOB IF WE GIVE THEM THE TOOLS," ...FULBRIGHT, SAYING HE WAS NEITHER ANTI-ARAB NOR ANTI-ISRAEL BUT ONLY PRO-US, SAID HE'S DETERMINED US NOT SUCCEED TO POSSIBILITY OF INVOLVEMENT, "CERTAINLY THERE'S A DANGER" OF IT, BUT HE THINKS SITUATION WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE DRASTICALLY, AND THE ONLY CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH HE COULD ENVISION INTERVENTION WOULD BE IF USSR TROOPS ENTERED OR IF THERE ENVISSHERE AN "OVERWHELMING ATTACK DIRECTLY AGAINST ISRAEL," HE COULDN'T IMAGINE EITHER CONTINGENCY,

OIL

ALL NETS NOTED LIBYA HALTED EXPORT OF OIL AND OIL PRODUCTS TO US, ACTION WAS SAME AS ALREADY DECLARED BY PERSIAN GULF STATE OF ABU DHABI, ...SAUDI ARABIA THREATENED TO CUT OFF ALL SALES UNLESS US RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL CEASES, ARAB CUTBACK WORRYING TOKYO AS JAPAN SAID IT'D ASK OECD TO BARGAIN W/ARABS ON PRICE HIKES AND PRODUCTION

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CUTS, TRIB BELIEVES 5 PER- CENTCENT ARAB REDUCTION IS "INDEED A MILD STEP" COM
ED
W/WHAT THEY MIGHTIVE DONE, MOREOVER, IT DOESNIT FORECLOSE CONTINUING
SEARCH FOR DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION, TRIB FINDS ARAB THREATS OF UNLOADING
DOLLARS "FAR MORE DISTURBING," MOVE MAY FORCE EUROPE AND JAPAN
"TO REASSESS THEIR CURRENT HANDS-OFF POLICY" AND PERHAPS USE THEIR
GOOD OFFICES TO ENCOURAGE SUPERPOWERS TO RESTORE C-F AND GET BOTH
SIDES TO NEGOTIATE.

MILITARY FRONTS

ISRAELI COMMANDER SAID EGYPTIANS WERE COMMITTING TO BATTLE
"MASSIVE WEAPONS, MASSIVE ANTITANK WEAPONS, MASSIVE NUMBERS
OF TANKS," HE SAID CASUALTIES WERE "ENORMOUS" AND COMPARED
EGYPTIAN ASSAULTS TO CHINESE HUMAN WAVES IN KOREA, (CBS
CALLED THEM "SUICIDE SQUADS.") EGYPTIAN DEFENDERS
WERE REPOSURTED IN DANGER OF BEING SHOT BY THEIR OWN MEN UNDER
ORDERS IF ANY BROKE AND RAN, MORALE WAS REPORTED CRUMBLING.

HK SMITH NOTES THERE' AN ORSITINATE OPTIMISM THAT CAN SEE AN
ANYTHING GOOD FROM THE BITTER, COSTLY WAR, HKS NOTES THAT
DETENTE IS "BATTERED BUT STILL BREATHING" W/NEITHER WANTING TO GET
INVOLVED, HE SAYS GIVEN THAT, HAD HAS A BARE CHANCE TO WIN A
CLUSTER FOR HIS PEACE PRIZE.

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OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

RN SAID INCREASED AID REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMBODIA RESULT FROM
LARGE-SCALE HOSTILITIES AND LARGER NEEDS OF CAMBODIANS "TO SUPPORT
THEMSELVES 2W/OUT US AIR SUPPORT," RN SAID "CAMBODIANS HAVE

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ACQUITTED THEMSELVES WELL" SINCE BOMBING ENDED, RN PREDICTED FIGHTING WAS CERTAIN TO RESUME WHEN DRY SEASON BEGINS ABOUT END OF YEAR, AND TO FAIL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS WOULD DENY CAMBODIA'S FORCES THE CAPABILITY OF SELF-DEFENSE, RN SAID "A COMMUNIST VICTORY... WOULD GRAVELY THREATEN FRAGILE STRUCTURE OF PEACE ESTABLISHED IN PARIS," NATO SAID ME WAR THREATENS MFR TALKS, FAILURE TO END FIGHTING IN NEXT 2 WEEKS NOT ONLY WOULD DAMAGE "ENVIRONMENT" FOR TALKS, BUT COULD POSSIBLY FORCE POSTPONEMENT THO THAT IS NOT UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

LATE NEWS/MISCELLANY

RN SENT HAK TO USSR AT BREZHNEV'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS MEANS OF ENDING MIDEAST WAR, HAK WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DOBRYNIN, SISCO ALSO WAS ABROAD ALONG W/18 OTHER US OFFICIALS, HAK MISSION IS EXPECTED TO LAST A MATTER OF DAYS BUT WILL PROBABLY CAUSE POSTPONEMENT OF OCT. 26 PRC DEPARTURE, WH NOTED RN-BREZHNEV HAVE MAINTAINED CLOSE DIPLOMATIC CONTACT SINCE MIDEAST OUTBREAK.

UPI'S THALER LEADS: "THE ME WAR HAS BEEN A WAR OF SURPRISES FROM THE MOMENT IT STARTED, MILITARY ANALYSTS LIST THESE DEVELOPMENTS AMONG THE KEY KEY DETERMINING FACTORS TO DATE: 1) THE MASSIVE EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN ATTACK; 2) REVERSAL OF USSR POLICY WHICH SWITCHED RUSS INTERVENTION RIGHT BACK TO ME AFTER A SEEMING RECENT W/DRAWAL; 3) DISPLAY ON ARAB SIDE NOT ONLY OF FAR MORE WEAPONRY THAN HAD BEEN KNOWN TO ISRAEL AND THE US, BUT ALSO THE USE OF MORE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS, ABOVE ALL THE RUSS SAM-6. BUT THE CHANGE OF USSR POLICY APPEARS TO BE THE DETERMINING KEY FACTOR. UPI NOTES THE KREMLIN HARDLINERS HAVE CARRIED THE DAY IN THEIR INTERNAL DEBATE OVER THE MERITS AND SCOPE OF THE APPROACHMENT W/THE US.

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